

Natural Recovery

Objective:	No attempt to remove any stranded oil either to minimize impacts to the environment or because there is no effective method for cleanup. Oil is left in place to degrade naturally.
Description:	No action is taken, although monitoring of contaminated areas may be required.
Applicable Habitat Types:	All habitat types.
When to Use:	When natural removal rates are fast (e.g., gasoline evaporation, high-energy coastlines), when the degree of oiling is light, or when cleanup actions will do more harm than natural removal.
Biological Constraints:	This method may be inappropriate for areas used by high numbers of mobile animals (birds, marine mammals) or endangered species.
Environmental Effects:	Same as from the oil alone.
Waste Generation:	None.